

MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL  
August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Brening

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Burt (arrived 5:18 PM)

Councilmember Judy Taylor Foster

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson

Councilmember Travis Ferguson

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Doug Westberry

City Clerk Lea Spell

City Attorney Nathan Lee

Chief Gray Couch

Utility Director Sam Summers

Mayor Brening called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. in City Hall. Councilmember Travis Ferguson gave the invocation and Mayor Brening led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Judy Foster to adopt the agenda. Motion was seconded by Travis Ferguson. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the minutes of the June 6<sup>th</sup> called council meeting. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Judy Foster to approve the minutes of the July 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Vote was 3 ayes with Travis Ferguson abstaining.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Judy Foster to approve the minutes of the July 16<sup>th</sup> called council meeting. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the July 2018 Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Joan Caldwell appeared before the Council representing the President Theatre group. She explained that the group had received a large donation from a private individual that required a match. She further detailed the next step to be taken in renovations of the theatre involved installation of a fire service main to run the sprinkler system in the building. The cost of the project is \$31,170. She requested the City consider covering this cost.

City Attorney Nathan Lee explained that this type of expenditure to the theatre by the City of Manchester is considered a gratuity and is prohibited by law.

The Mayor and Council assured Ms. Caldwell that they would explore other opportunities to support the President Theatre.

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Manchester resident, Billy Whisnant, came before the council regarding problems at his property pertaining to a water leak and requested reimbursement. Mr. Whisnant was informed that his claim had been forwarded to the City's insurance company and it would be handled from there.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson and seconded by Travis Ferguson to accept the Willie Mae Walker Proclamation. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Burt arrived at the meeting after this vote was taken.

Motion made by Bruce Burt, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to Gas Supply Contract between Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia and City of Manchester. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Fire Chief Roderick Jolivette was recognized by the Mayor and Council for his participation and successful completion of the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy's "Executive Fire Officer Program". The program requires a time frame of 4 years to complete.

Motion made by Bruce Burt, seconded by Travis Ferguson to appoint Marty Miller to the Manchester Development Board Authority to fill the unexpired term of M.B. Guy. The term expires December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Bruce Burt, seconded by Judy Foster to accept the American Tank Maintenance Quote in the amount of \$87,679 for the Goody Plant Water Tank renovation. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Bruce Burt and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to adopt the State Code for alcohol licensing as it pertains to the distances of churches. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

City Manager Doug Westberry presented to the council an "Eviction Debris Ordinance". After a period of discussion, the Mayor and Council directed City Attorney, Nathan Lee, to review and revise the ordinance as necessary for adoption at a future meeting.

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson was presented a proclamation by the Mayor and Council expressing appreciation for his dedication to the City of Manchester and the community.

Motion made by Bruce Burt, seconded by Travis Ferguson to approve the Resolution to Amend the 2017-2018 Fiscal Budget to Provide for Changes in the Revenues and Expenses in the General Fund. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Judy Foster authorizing the Mayor to sign the Rural Zone application letter. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

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In the Mayor's comments, he wanted to publicly thank the Georgia Department of Transportation for providing road striping and turning lane indicators at the intersection of E. Main St. and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. He also briefly discussed himself, Police Chief Gray Couch, and Assistant Chief Chris Jones meeting with County and School officials to discuss security at the schools in Manchester. He noted that it was a very informative, productive and successful gathering.

Police Chief Gray Couch presented the council with his department's monthly statistics for July and also gave updates on various activities in his department. He noted Jennifer Findley had been hired to fill the position of Court Clerk.

Motion made by Judy Foster and seconded by Bruce Burt to go into executive session for real estate purposes. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Bruce Burt and seconded by Travis Ferguson to close the executive session and return to the open meeting. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Judy Foster and seconded by Travis Ferguson to adjourn at 7:30. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

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City Clerk Lea Spell

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Mayor Michael J. Brening